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AT JULY 3 NAC, FRG AMBASSADOR KRAPF BRIEFED COUNCIL ON PRESIDENT TITO'S RECENT STATE VISIT TO GERMANY. FOLLOWING IS TEXT ON KRAPF'S SPEAKING NOTES:

BEGIN TEXT:

1. PRESIDENT TITO PAID A STATE VISIT TO THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY FROM 24TH TO 27TH JUNE, 1974. HE WAS ACCOMPANIED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SLOVENIA, M. KRAIGHER, FOREIGN MINISTER MINIC AND FOREIGN TRADE MINISTER LUDWIGER. PRESIDENT TITO HAD TALKS WITH THE FEDERAL PRESIDENT, THE FEDERAL CHANCELLOR AS WELL AS WITH THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY, WILLY BRANDT. HE ALSO MET REPRESENTATIVES OF THE OPPOSITION.
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2. THE TALKS BETWEEN CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT AND PRESIDENT TITO CENTERED ON INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL QUESTIONS AND TOUCHED ALSO ON THE PROBLEMS OF THE RAW MATERIAL-CRISIS, WORLD INFLATION AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

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A NUMBER OF BILATERAL QUESTIONS WERE DISCUSSED IN TALKS BETWEEN THE FOREIGN MINISTERS AND TRADE MINISTERS.

RELATIONS BETWEEN JUGOSLAVIA AND THE SOVIET UNION
3. PRESIDENT TITO STATED THAT THERE ARE MANY POSSIBILITIES OF PRACTICAL COOPERATION, WHICH WAS OF PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE TO JUGOSLAVIA BECAUSE OF ITS SPECIAL GEOPOLITICAL SIUTATION. SOME JUGOSLAV PRODUCTS WHICH DID NOT HAVE A MARKET IN THE WEST COULD BE EXPORTED TO THE SOVIET UNION. AS THE SOVIET CONCEPT OF SUCH A COOPERATION WAS NOT REALISTIC, IT WAS NECESSARY FOR JUGOSLAVIA TO BE CAUTIOUS. SUCH A COOPERATION COULD ONLY BE REALIZED ON THE BASIS OF THE FULL RESPECT OF THE JOGOSLAV INDEPENDENCE WHICH HAD NOW BEEN REALIZED BY THE SOVIET LEADERSHIP. THE SOVIET UNION HAD NOT BEEN GIVEN ANY RIGHTS TO USE JUGOSLAV PORTS AS NAVAL BASES. FOR ECONOMIC REASONS (UTILISATION OF THE WHARFT CAPACITIES) THE JUGOSLAV SIDE HAS PASSED A LAW ON THE POSSIBILITY TO REPAIR FOREIGN WARSHIPS IN JUGOSLAV PORTS. IT WAS STRESSED, HOWEVER, THAT THIS LAW WAS APPLICABLE TO ALL, INCLUDING THE US MEDITERRANEAN FLEET.

4. REGARDING THE COHESION OF THE SOVIET LEADERSHIP, THE JUGOSLAV SIDE STATED THAT THE POSITION OF BREZNEV COULD BECOME PROBLEMATIC IF HE COULD SHOW RESULTS NEITHER AT THE CSCE NOR IN THE MIDDLE-EAST. A LARGE PART OF THE SOVIET POPULATION SHARED WITH BREZNEV THE INTEREST OF STABILIZING THE SIUTATION IN EUROPE. IN THE RECENT CONVERSATION WITH THE SOVIET DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER RODIONOV TITO HAD GAINED THE IMPRESSION THAT THE SOVIET UNION WAS NOW READY TO NEGOTIATE CONCRETELY AT THE CSCE.

MIDDLE-EAST
5. KISSINGER HAD MADE FIRST STEPS IN THE MIDDLE-EAST BUT A REAL SOLUTION HAD NOT YET BEEN BROUGHT ABOUT. EVEN KISSINGER'S INITIAL SUCCESS WOULD BE PUT IN QUESTION
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BY THE ISRAELI REVENGE-POLICY. IF A SOLUTION COULD NOT BE ACHIEVED WHICH WOULD INCLUDE THE WITHDRAWAL OF ISRAEL FROM THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES THE ARAB STATES WOULD AGAIN REUNITE AGINST ISRAEL. IT WAS IMPORTANT THAT THE SOVIET INFLUENCE IN THE REGION WOULD NOT BE FURTHER WEAKENED, WHICH WOULD ONLY BE AT THE EXPENSE OF DETENTE AND WHICH WOULD PUT IN PERIL THE DOMESTIC POSITION OF BREZNEV.

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6. THE JUGOSLAV SIDE HELD THE POSITION THAT RAPID PROGRESS ON THE BASIS OF CONCRETE RESULTS OUGHT TO BE SOUGHT. THE DISCUSSION CONCERNING THE POSSIBILITIES OF PEACEFUL CHANGE OF FRONTIERS WAS REGARDED BY THE JUGOSLAV SIDE AS AN

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UNNECESSARY RETARDATION AND THEY EXPRESSED THE OPINION THAT NOW THE RECOGNITION OF THE FRONTIERS WAS CALLED FOR. (THE FACT THAT IN THIS CONTEXT THE PROBLEM OF TRIEST WAS MENTIONED INDICATES THAT JUGOSLAVIA PURSUES OWN INTERESTS WHEN PRESSING FOR THE RECOGNITION OF FRONTIERS). ONE SHOULD NOT ALLOW THE CONFERENCE TO END IN FAILURE. THIS WOULD IMPERIL THE POSITION OF BREZNEV AND BRING ABOUT THE DANGER OF A NEW COLD WAR.

7. REGARDING EAST/WEST RELATIONS IN GENERAL, PRESIDENT TITO REMARKED THAT HE WAS LOOKING FORWARD WITH INTEREST TO THE RESULTS OF THE VISIT TO MOSCOW BY PRESIDENT NIXON. HE DID NOT, HOWEVER, EXPECT ANY SPECTACULAR RESULTS. HIS REACTION TO THE OTTAWA-DECLARATION WAS POSITIVE.

DOMESTIC DEVELOPMENT IN JUGOSLAVIA

8. THE JUGOSLAV SIDE UNDERLINED THAT THE GROUP OF LEADERS WHICH WILL RULE JUGOSLAVIA AFTER TITO CONSITS OF OLD AND TRUSTED COLLABORATORS OF THE PRESIDENT AND OF SOME YOUNGER PERSONS AND THAT TI WAS CHARACTERIZED BY A LARGE DEGREE OF HOMOGENITY. THE ROLE OF THE PARTY HAD BEEN STRENGTHENED BY THE REINFORCED APPLICATION OF THE PRINCIPLE OF DEMOCRATIC CENTRALISM.

END TEXT. RUMSFELD

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